CHAPTER 211

(House Bill 91)

AN ACT concerning

State Personnel - Appeal of Disciplinary Action

FOR the purpose of clarifying that an employee serving an original probationary period has the burden of proof in an appeal of a disciplinary action taken while the employee is on probation in certain circumstances; and generally relating to appeals of disciplinary actions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

Section 11-109(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Personnel and Pensions

11-109.

- (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, an employee in the skilled service or the professional service may appeal a disciplinary action taken while the employee is on probation only on the basis that the action was illegal or unconstitutional.
- (2) The employee has the burden of proof in an appeal under this [section] SUBSECTION.
- (3) The limitations in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection do not apply to an employee in the skilled service or the professional service who is on probation following a promotion or reinstatement.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.